



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): FAILE et al.

Serial No.: 10/538,957

For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR REDUCING PRESSURE
FLUCTUATIONS IN A SUCTION PIPE OF A WATER TURBINE
OR WATER PUMP OR WATER-PUMP TURBINE

Filed: August 31, 2006

Examiner: Ninh H. Nguyen

Art Unit: 3745

Confirmation No.: 9477

Customer No.: 27,623

Attorney Docket No.: WW033USU

**Mail Stop AF
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

We are enclosing an Amendment in response to the communication dated January 16, 2008 in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$ _____ to extend the time for filing this response until _____.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------|----------|
| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | | Highest Number Previously Paid | Present Extra | Rate | |
| Total Claims | 16 | Minus | 20 | 0 | x \$50.00 | \$ |
| Independent Claims | 2 | Minus | 3 | 4 | x \$200.00 | \$800.00 |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE | | | | x \$360.00 = \$ | | |
| TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES | | | | \$800.00 | | |
| 1/2 FILING FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY | | | | \$N/A | | |

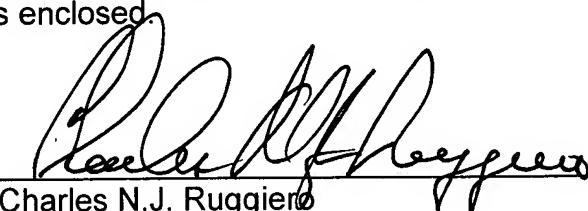
The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$_____.

 A check in the amount of \$_____ is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

March 17, 2008

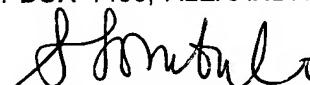
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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit the present document in response to the Office Action mailed on January 16, 2008.

Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.